IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

Application of:

MILLER, Van

Docket No.: 6164-55/DEH

Title:

AFFINITY OF BOVINE-DERIVED WATER FOR PROPER LACTOSE AND PROTEIN SOLUBILITY IN CONDENSED MILK

The Commissioner of Patents The United States Patent Office Crystal Plaza Two, 2011 Jefferson Davis Highway Arlington, Virginia 22202 USA

July 21, 2003

Dear Sir:

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL (AGE OF APPLICANT)

Petition is made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) to make the above identified application special, and to advance it out of its routine order for examination and/or other action. Thus, and in any event, Petition is made that this application be advanced out of its routine order, so that this application will be expeditiously handled at all times when it is due for consideration by an Examiner.

This Petition is made, having regard to the Applicant's age. Accordingly, no Petition Fee is due.

Having regard to the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 708.02(IV), support for this Petition is given by an appropriate showing which is a photocopy of a document, which has been issued by the Government of Canada, and which has been provided to the undersigned for photocopying for the present purpose. The document is a copy of a Canadian Passport. The document includes a photograph of the Applicant, as that photograph was taken in August of 1998; the document shows that the Applicant herein was born on 22 March 1931.

It is believed that the accompanying document, which is a photocopy of an official document issued by the Government of Canada, provides sufficient showing to prove that the Applicant herein has now reached/surpassed the age of 65 years.

Grant of the present Petition is now respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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